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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): **Akito Nishimura, Toru Arikawa, Yasuhiro Tamaki**

Serial No: **09/720,235**

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For: **OPTICAL FERRULE AND MOLDING METHOD THEREFOR, AND  
OPTICAL CONNECTOR USING THIS OPTICAL FERRULE**

Art Unit: **2839**

Examiner : **Javaid H. Nasri**

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**November 18, 2003**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Sir:**

**The following Amendment and Response is responsive to the Office**

**Action dated May 19, 2003, a three (3) month statutory response period for which was set for August 19, 2003. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time, extending the period for response to this Office Action until November 19, 2003 and a corresponding extension fee. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.**